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Filing Date: October 5, 2000  
Inventor(s):  
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Title: Virtual Port Multiplexing

Atty. Dkt. No: 5760-22600/VRT0793  
Examiner: El Chanti, Hussein A.  
Group/Art Unit: 2157

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### REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

(under 37 CFR § 1.114)

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application number 09/684,457, filed on October 5, 2000, entitled Virtual Port Multiplexing.

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#### Application Elements

1.  Filing Fee

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2.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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3. Amendments

An amendment is enclosed.

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Please consider the arguments in the response filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

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4.  Please enter the enclosed affidavits or declarations.

5.  Return Receipt Postcard

6.  Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time

7.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions.

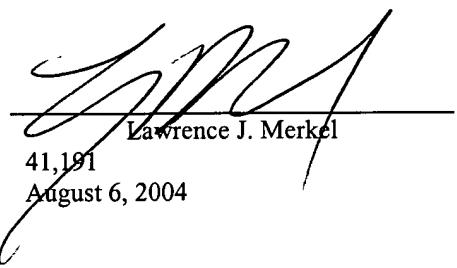
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